

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An ammunition clip for supplying cartridges to a firearm, said ammunition clip comprising:

an elongated housing having an internal chamber ~~for holding~~ configured to hold a plurality of laterally aligned cartridges entirely within the internal chamber, said elongated housing having a loading end and an opposing end;

a movable carriage disposed within the internal chamber for urging the aligned cartridges disposed between the moveable carriage and loading end along a longitudinal axis of the internal chamber towards the loading end;

a spring that urges the movable carriage towards the loading end, said spring being disposed completely outside the internal chamber and extending parallel to the longitudinal axis, but laterally offset from the internal chamber, said spring being coupled on a first end to the elongated housing and on a second end to the movable carriage and being operatable in a direction of spring pressure that is parallel to a longitudinal axis of the longitudinal housing.

2. (Original) The ammunition clip as in claim 1 wherein the spring further comprises a compression spring coupled on the first end to the opposing end of the elongated housing.

3. (Original) The ammunition clip as in claim 2 wherein the compression spring further comprises a coil spring.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Original) The ammunition clip as in claim 1 wherein the

elongated housing further comprises a longitudinal slot in a wall of the elongated housing that accepts a spring follower slide that extends through the slot to engage the movable carriage inside the internal chamber and the spring outside the internal chamber.

7. (Original) The ammunition clip as in claim 6 wherein the elongated housing further comprises a pair of longitudinal slots in opposing sidewalls of the elongated housing that accepts opposing ends of a transverse guide pin disposed in the movable carriage.

8. (Original) The ammunition clip as in claim 7 further comprising a secondary spring that connects the spring follower slide to the transverse pin of the movable carriage.

9. (Original) The ammunition clip as in claim 8 wherein the secondary spring further comprises a leaf spring.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).